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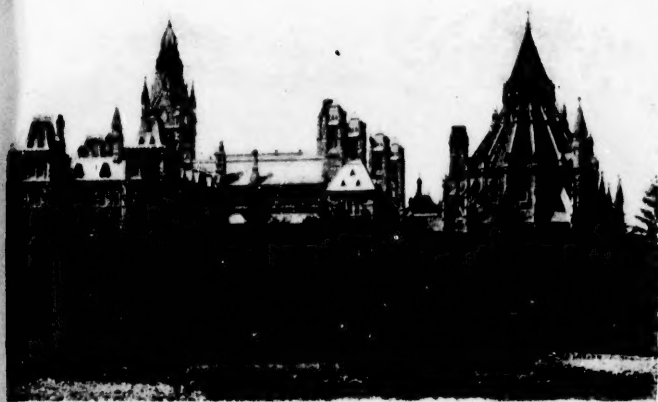
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Sport and Pleasure: Valley of the Ottawa



CANDOUR is always a charming attribute, and that is why I want to tell you at the very outset that my object in writing this sketch is to endeavour to persuade my readers to experience for themselves the beauties of the Ottawa Valley. It is no new story that I have to tell, for it is now nearly three centuries ago, in the year 1610, since Champlain first sent his men up the Ottawa to learn



PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, FROM MAJOR HILL PARK.

the characteristics of the country and its people. These hardy explorers returned to their great chief with marvelously thrilling tales of the beauty and grandeur of the country through which they had travelled. Their great

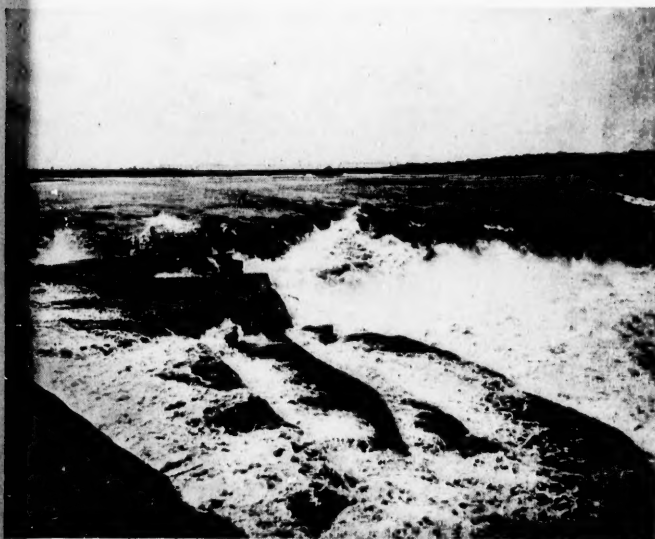
leader was so fascinated by their recitals, that he made up his mind never to cease his efforts until he had explored the route for himself, hoping, as he did, to find at the end a western or northern sea opening up the route to China, which so many had sought in vain. It was not long before this intrepid explorer, accompanied by a small party, set out to realize his ambitions, and commenced the ascent of the great river. Passing through the beautiful lakes, with their



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numerous islets and intervening cataracts, he soon reached
the point where the City of Ottawa is now situated. Here
he first saw the beautiful waterfall to which he gave the
name of Rideau, "the curtain," where the waters of the river
which has since been given the same name pour over in
beauteous splendour into the greater expanse of the Ottawa,
with a striking semblance to a misty curtain of white. Pas-
sing on a short distance he saw the magnificent chasm
which the Indians so appropriately named Asticou, or
the Cauldron, and to which Champlain gave the name
of the Chaudiere. Here, where now the products of



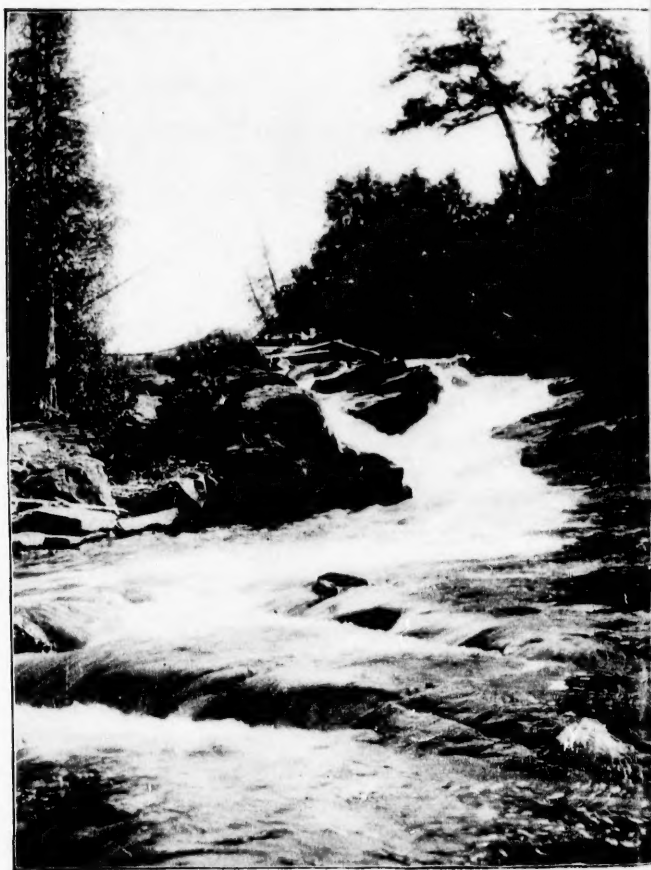
THE CHAUDIERE FALLS.

the great Canadian forests are made to contribute to the
wealth of the commerce of the Dominion, were then on
either side thickly wooded hills, between which the raging
waters tumbled tumultuously in a mass of foam and mist. It
was a place to naturally evoke the superstition of the
Indians, who ever at the Chaudiere sought to propitiate the
spirits of the waters by offerings of tobacco.

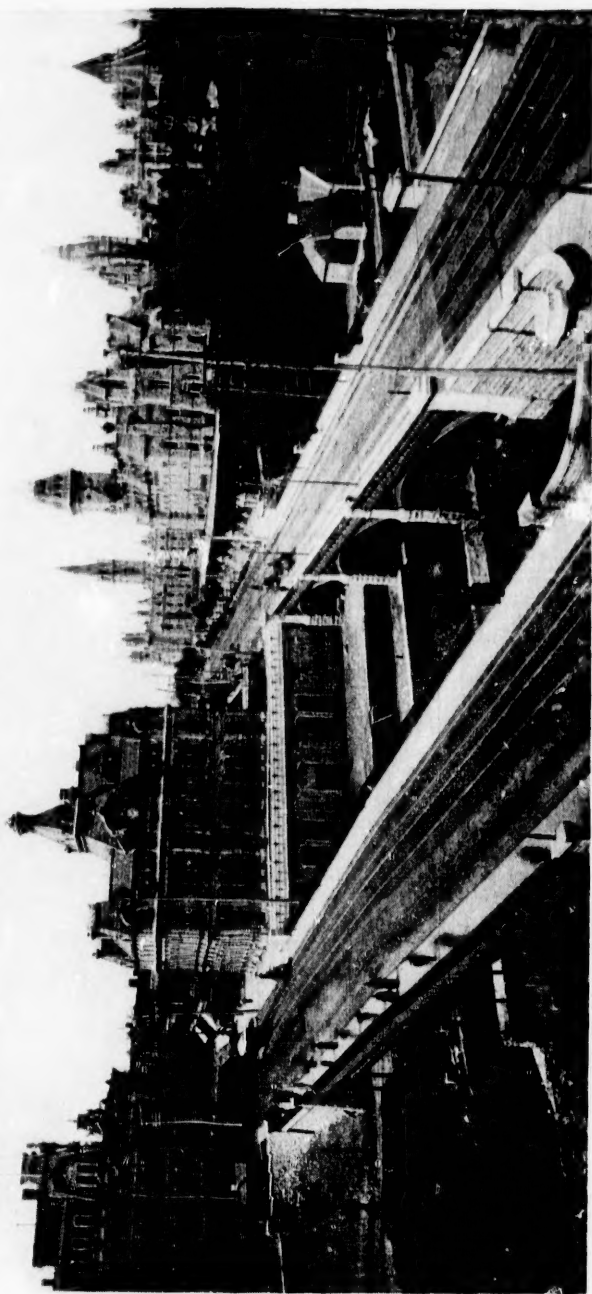
Thence onward through the noble expanse which we
now call Deschene Lake, and through the lakes and catar-
acts of the Chats, the expedition reached the Allumette,

where Champlain remained for some time, studying the habits and customs of the Indian inhabitants. Here he discovered, as he thought, that it would be idle to attempt to explore further in the hope of finding the route to the west and after a time he returned, disappointed no doubt, yet full of the beauty and grandeur of all that he had seen.

So it is no new tale that I have to tell. Ever since the days of Champlain the Ottawa has been the main highway for those hardy adventurers who were the founders of Canada in their explorations westward ; but once the main centres of population are passed the great expanse of territory still preserves its primeval beauty and grandeur.



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VIEW OF THE CITY OF OTTAWA.

The City of Ottawa

OTTAWA, the Capital City of the Dominion of Canada, is the natural centre of the district which I would describe. Beautifully situated on a high bluff at the junction of the Ottawa, Gatineau and Rideau Rivers, crowned by the magnificent group of Parliament Buildings, which are justly the pride of every true Canadian, with lovely parks and drives, and abounding in historic associations and points of interest, there is no city where the tourist can spend a more delightful week. Railroads run to and from every side of the city, and steamers plying on the different water-stretches, make its access easy and delightful. As a starting point for the sportsman or tourist, wherever he may wish to go, no place could be more desirable. Needless to say the hotel accommodation at the Capital is all that can be desired.

The stranger in Ottawa will find its citizens proud of their city, and glad to assist him in seeing its attractions. By calling at the office of the Tourists' Association he will be able to obtain complete information as to the points of interest of the city, as well as the surrounding country, and no effort will be spared to make his visit enjoyable.



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The Ottawa River

There can be no more pleasant day's outing than a trip down the Ottawa River on one of the commodious steamers which ply to and fro there every day. The scenery is very fine, the Laurentian Mountains forming a picturesque background to the undulating hills which skirt the shore of the river for many miles. Many of the villages along the way preserve the quaint customs of the early part of the century, the effect upon a stranger being most fascinating.



VIEW ON THE OTTAWA.

It is not my purpose, in this short sketch, to attempt to even call attention in detail to the many points of interest throughout the different parts of the Ottawa Valley. Each in itself would well deserve a book, and the reader who desires to go further into the subject may obtain complete information by addressing the Secretary of the Tourists' Association at Ottawa. For the present, I need only say that the tourist through Canada who fails to take the trip down the Ottawa River misses one of the most beautiful trips on the continent.

Up the Ottawa

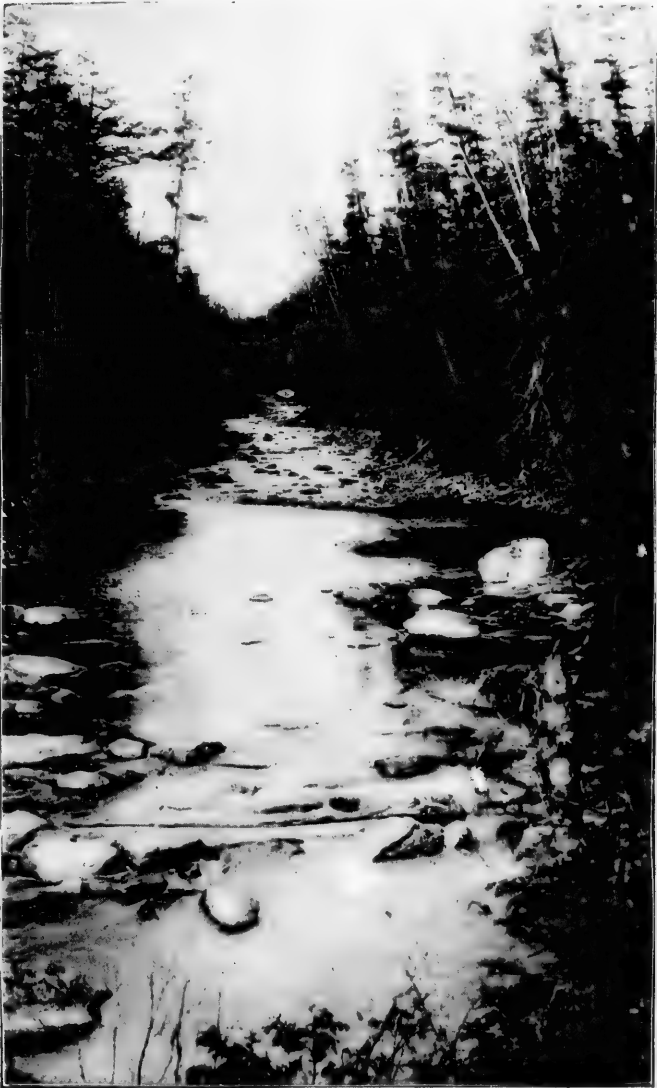
For hundreds of miles up the Ottawa and its tributaries there is indeed a paradise for the sportsman and the tourist. Sport unexcelled can be enjoyed at will. Fish of all kinds can be taken in numbers, and in the lonely forests are moose, caribou, deer, bear, grouse and other game, at many points as plentiful as when only the hardy voyageurs and the pioneers of early days invaded their sanctuaries. The Lac des Chats, the Madawaska, Allumette Lake, Ouiseau, Deux Rivières, the Mattawa, the Kippewa, Temiscamingue, and other points too numerous to mention, must really be seen to be appreciated.



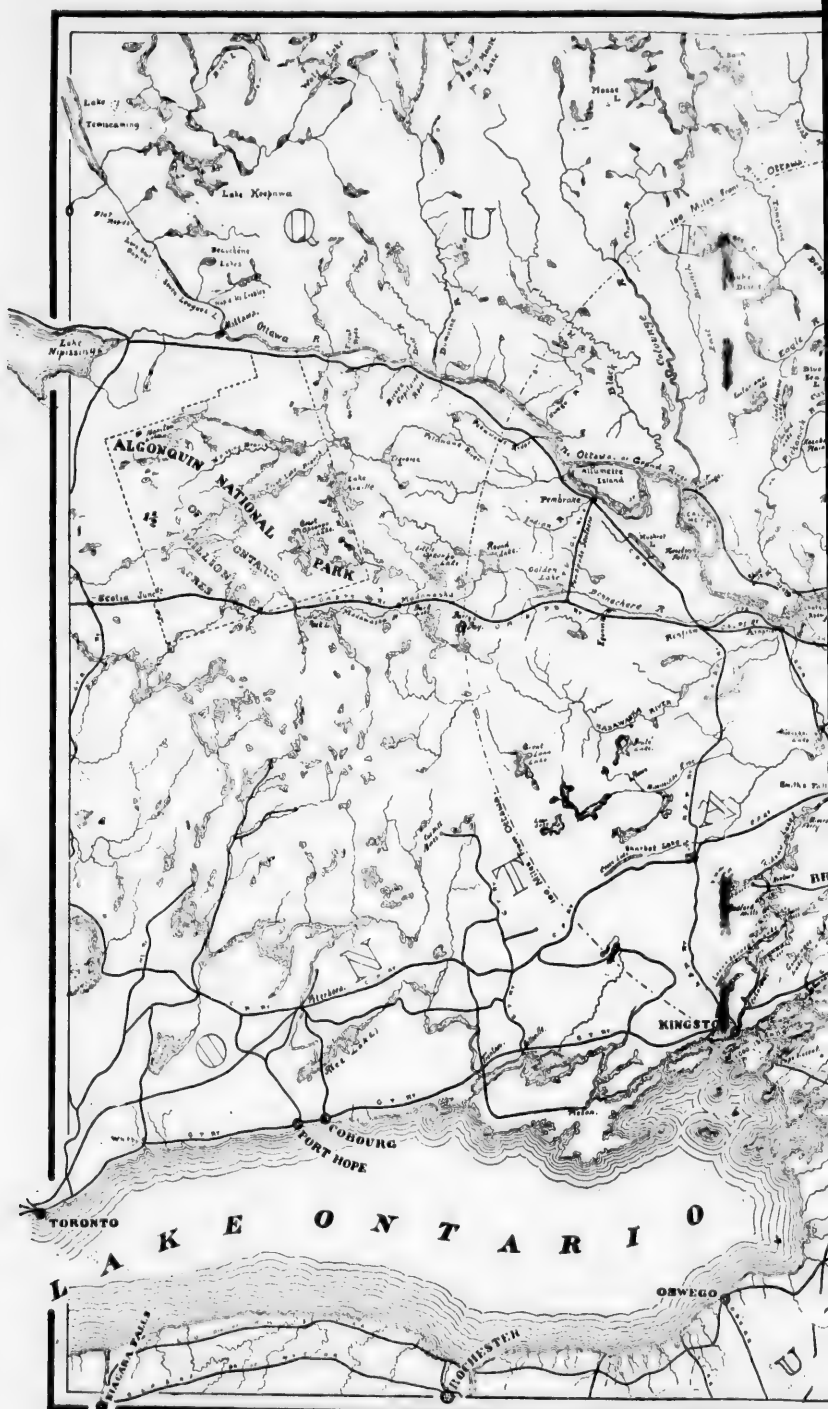
PERLEY CHUTE, MADAWASKA RIVER.

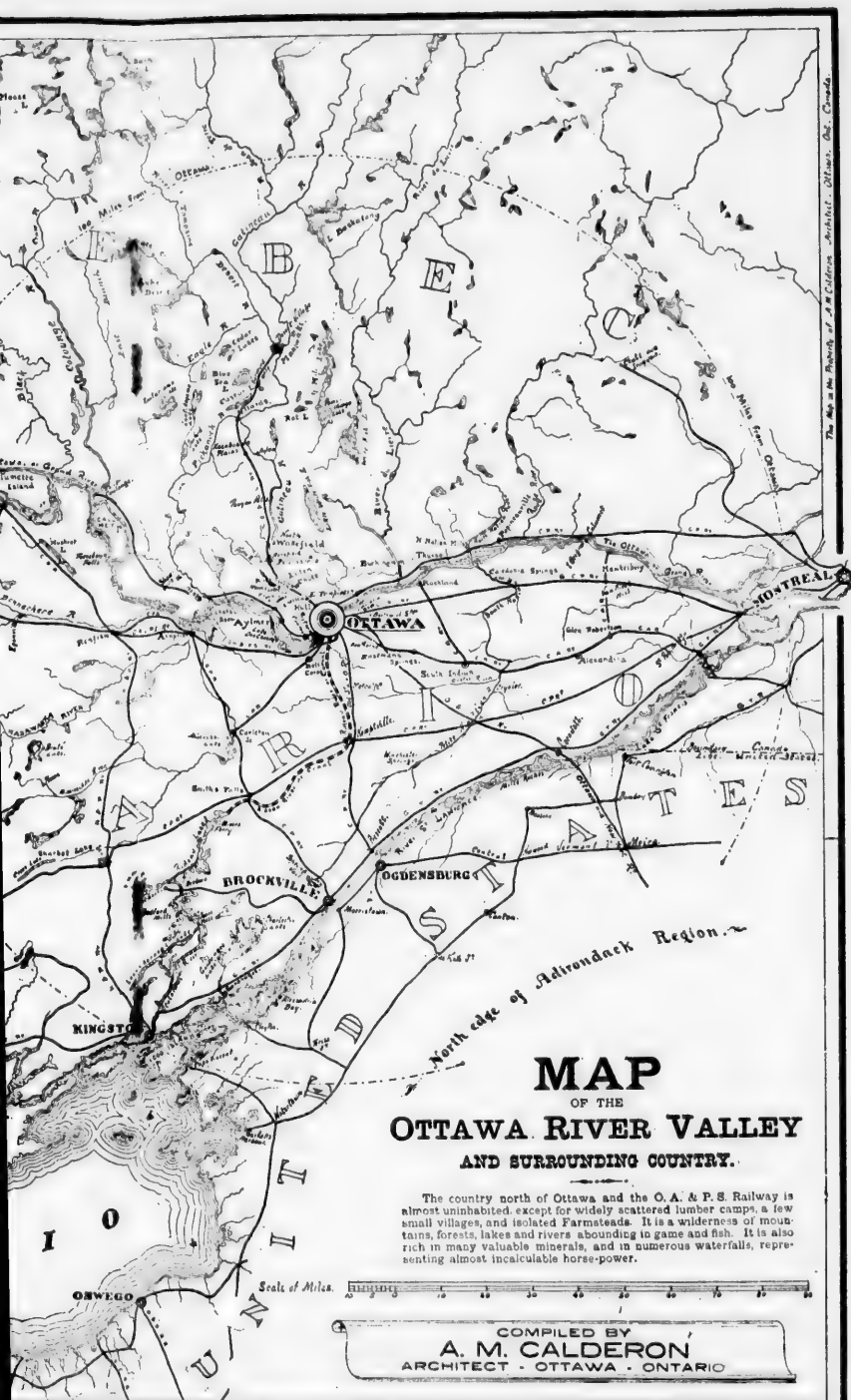
Of recent years the rapid extension of the railroads, and the addition of numerous steamboats on the waterways, have made communication both easy and agreeable, and now the enterprising residents of the country, awaking to the advantages which lie about them, are providing hotel accommodation at various points which will satisfy the most fastidious. It seems strange to find away up at Lake Temiscamingue an hotel where one can live in luxury, unexcelled even in the

cities, and steamers plying on the lake with appointments equal to those of the floating palaces on the St. Lawrence or the Hudson. This is, however, only one of the many places where similar facilities for enjoyment can be found.



TROUT STREAM, OPEONGO FORKS.







The Gatineau Valley

Northerly from Ottawa lies the Valley of the Gatineau, one of the many beautiful tributaries of the Grand River, as the older inhabitants love to call the Ottawa. To its devotees, whose name is legion, the charms of the Gatineau even excel those of the upper Ottawa. Up among the



VIEW ON THE GATINEAU—SCENE ABOVE ELLARD'S.

Laurentides the country abounds in lakes and streams, in which the fishermen delight. Trout and bass are to be found everywhere, and never did nobler quarry test the spring of a rod. As a game country, too, this territory will

be found second to none. Communication is easy, accommodations good, and the people hospitable. It is rare indeed for a sportsman to return from "up the Gatineau" with a feeling other than one of the most thorough satisfaction.

It is only within the past few years that there has been railroad communication into this country, and to the sportsman it is as yet practically virgin territory. A glance at the map on another page will give some idea of the almost numberless lakes and rivers in the district, though only the larger ones could be shown. All of these abound in fish, and no matter how great the influx of fishermen may be, it must be many years before they can commence to feel the effect. The Provincial Government, keenly alive to the importance of the preservation of fish and game, has adopted most excellent regulations, the enforcement of which has been placed in the hands of capable officials. The sportsman may depend upon it, that in visiting the valley of the Ottawa for fish or game he will not be disappointed.



The Rideau Lakes

Better known, perhaps, than the districts which I have been describing are the beautiful Rideau Lakes, lying along the water-route between Ottawa and Kingston. Of these poets have sung, and many a charming story has been told. To the



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tourist who does not wish to go far afield the trip by steamer is attractive beyond description, and to the fisherman who longs for a few days among the gamey bass the lakes are easy of access from either Ottawa, Kingston, Smith's Falls or Perth. There is no trouble about accommodation along the route, and the scenery is simply enchanting.



RIDEAU LAKES (NEAR OTTAWA).

The Algonquin Park

The recently opened railway from Ottawa to the Georgian Bay, passing through the Algonquin Park, offers a diversity of country and scenery unsurpassed





in the Province. The Park is the natural game preserve set apart by the Ontario Government under conditions similar to those which govern the famous Yellowstone Park. Game is rapidly becoming more plentiful, under the efficient protection of the Warden and his staff. The route from Ottawa to the Georgian Bay, through virgin forests of stately pines, along rapid rivers and beautiful lakes, affords an ever-changing panorama of natural beauty that is almost bewildering to the observer.



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The magnificent stretch of country lying along the east-shore of the Georgian Bay, which has for so many years been a favorite haunt for the

sportsman, has been made naturally tributary to Ottawa by the new railway connection, and may now be almost looked upon as a part of the Ottawa Valley. The palatial steamers of the Upper Lakes connect with the trains from Ottawa, and no more pleasant summer trip could be thought of than the rail and water tours arranged over this route. It has for the present the great advantage of being out of the beaten track, although it is safe to predict that in a very short time this route will be as well known to the tourist as Niagara or the Saguenay. Illustrated literature descriptive of this district may be had on application to the Tourists' Association.



Our Association and its Work

As the beauties of the Ottawa Valley are gradually becoming better known, many inquiries are being made by parties desirous of obtaining reliable and accurate information regarding the district. To

meet this demand the OTTAWA VALLEY TOURISTS' ASSOCIATION has been formed. The Secretary of the Association will be glad to furnish any information desired regarding the attractions of the district, hotels, transportation and the like, as well as to personally meet and assist any strangers while in the City of Ottawa. At the central office at Ottawa there will be collected photographs, descriptive matter, and such



TROUT FISHING, OUTLET PENN LAKE.

general information as will probably be desired by prospective visitors. Local committees at the different local points throughout the Ottawa Valley will furnish the information, and will be ready to receive and assist visitors at all times. Communications addressed to "The Secretary, Tourists' Association, Ottawa, Canada," will be cheerfully answered. We know that we have the attractions, and we will do all in our power to help you to enjoy them.



Easy of Access

The facilities for reaching Ottawa City and the valley district are unexcelled. Eleven lines of railway ending in Ottawa radiate in all directions, carrying passengers to all parts of the Ottawa Valley. The district is convenient to all New England points, and fifteen hours

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ride brings one from hot and dusty New York or Boston to the cool clear air of the Laurentian hills. From Chicago and neighboring points the facilities for travel are equally good, the two great Canadian trunk lines both serving the Ottawa Valley region. A ticket from Boston to Ottawa costs \$11.70; from New York, \$11.35; from Philadelphia, \$13.85; from Chicago, \$18; from Detroit, \$14.30. No other place offering such attractions in scenery, sport and climate, is within such easy reach of hot cities by comfortable modes of travel. Any railway or ticket agent will be able to give you full information in regard to routes and rates. Once you reach Ottawa the Tourists' Association will be glad to attend to all your wants, and will use every endeavor to make your visit to the Ottawa Valley a success.



ON LAKE DESCHENE, AYLMER.

CANADIAN CUSTOMS REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO TOURISTS' OUTFITS.

THE articles which may be brought free of duty into Canada (in addition to wearing apparel, on which no duty is levied) as tourists' outfits, comprise guns, fishing rods, canoes, tents, camp equipment, cooking utensils, musical instruments, kodaks, etc. A deposit of duty on the appraised value of the articles imported must be made with the nearest Collector on arrival in Canada, which will be returned in full, provided the articles are exported from Canada within six months.

Any Canadian Fish or Game Club may make an arrange-

ment for a general deposit with the Customs Department, whereupon its certificate of membership will be accepted from any member in lieu of a cash deposit to cover duty. This is a regulation made while this work is in press, but it is confidently expected that it will prove a great convenience, especially to the large number of citizens of the United States who are members of Canadian Clubs.



ON LAKE DESCHENE, AYLMER.

EXTRACTS FROM GAME LAWS

OF PROVINCES OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

CLOSE SEASONS, 1898.

- Caribou.** In Ontario cannot be killed before 1900. In Quebec, 1st February to 1st September.
- Moose.** In Ontario cannot be killed before 1900. In Quebec from 1st January to 1st October.
- Deer.** In Ontario, between 15th November and 1st November in following year. In Quebec, from 1st January to 1st October.
- Partridge.** In Ontario, between 15th December and 15th September of following year. In Quebec, 1st February to 15th September.
- Duck** of any kind. In Ontario, between 15th December and 1st September of following year. In Quebec, from 1st March to 1st September.

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Woodcock, Snipe, Plover, Curlew, Tatler, Red Shank. In Ontario, between 15th December and 1st September of following year. In Quebec, from 1st February to 1st September.

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Bass In Ontario, between 15th April and 15th June. In Quebec, from 15th April to 15th June.

Maskinonge. In Ontario between 15th April and 15th June. In Quebec, from 25th May to 1st July.

Pickereel (Dore). In Ontario and Quebec, between 15th April and 15th May.

Whitefish. In Ontario, between 1st and 30th November. In Quebec, from 10th November to 1st December.

Salmon and Salmon Trout. In Ontario, between 1st and 30th of November. In Quebec from 1st August to 1st February.

Speckled Trout. In Ontario, between 15th September and 1st May. In Quebec, from 1st October to 30th April.

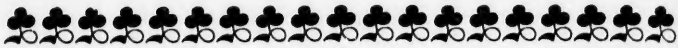
Grey Trout, Lake Trout or Lunge. In Quebec, from 15th October to 1st December.

NOTE.—Both days inclusive in each case.

Non-residents require a special license to hunt or fish in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. For full particulars address E. TINSLEY, Chief Warden for Ontario, Toronto, Ont., or L. Z. JONCAS, Chief Warden for Quebec, Que., or N. E. CORMIER, Game Warden, Aylmer, Que.

For additional information address THE SECRETARY, TOURISTS' ASSOCIATION, OTTAWA, CANADA.





The Ottawa Valley Tourists' Association



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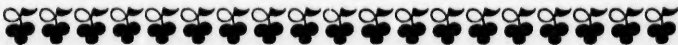
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IT is the intention of the Association to issue, during the coming winter, an illustrated booklet, descriptive of the Ottawa Valley, which it is hoped will do better justice to the subject than the writer has been able to in this hurriedly prepared sketch. Anyone who would like to receive a copy of this booklet will be accommodated in due course if he will send a request to the Secretary of the Tourists' Association.





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